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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

1. THE EMBASSY NOMINATES FOLLOWING CANDIDATE FOR PARTIAL  
IV GRANT FROM FY '75 FUND TO COVER INTERNAL TRAVEL AND  
PER DIEM.

2. BIODATA:

(1) JOHAN BENGT-PAHLSSON

(2) FOREIGN EDITORIAL STAFF MEMBER OF MODERATE SVENSKA  
DAGBLADET, PRESIDENT OF LARGEST YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN  
SWEDEN WHICH CONTROLS STUDENT GOVERNMENTS IN FOUR OF FIVE  
OF SWEDEN'S UNIVERSITIES.

(3) OCTOBER 10, 1946; MALMO, SWEDEN; SWEDISH; MALE;  
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UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCES.

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SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, ITALY, EAST AFRICA, SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. SPEAKING: GOOD.

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4. GERMAN; FRENCH.

5. VISITOR'S SUGGESTIONS: PRIMARY OBJECTIVE TO OBSERVE U.S. ELECTIONS. WISHES TO MEET WITH PARTY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND ALSO TO OBSERVE TWO REPRESENTATIVE CAMPAIGNS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF COUNTRY. SECONDARY OBJECTIVES: (A) DISCUSS FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS (SUGGEST SVEN GROENNINGS IN CU); (B) MEET AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERS.

6. ITINERARY: VISITOR PLANS ARRIVE NEW YORK OCTOBER 4 AND WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 7-11. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ARRANGE SUITABLE ITINERARY AFTER OCTOBER 11 UNTIL ELECTION DAY WHEN VISITOR WISHES TO BE IN WASHINGTON TO COVER ELECTIONS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES. AFTER ELECTIONS VISITOR WISHES TO CONCENTRATE ON SECONDARY OBJECTIVES AND HAS EXPRESSED FOLLOWING DESIRES FOR APPOINTMENTS: (A) SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF AND STAFFS OF SENATORS KENNEDY, JAVITTS, HUMPHREY, AS WELL AS CONGRESSMEN BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL AND JOHN ANDERSON, REP. ILL; (B) AMERICAN YOUTH COUNCIL (SPENCER OLIVER); COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS; YOUNG DEMOCRATS; AND YOUNG REPUBLICANS.

7. VISIT WOULD TERMINATE AT COLLEGE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETING IN MEMPHIS, NOVEMBER 16-18, WHERE HE WILL REPRESENT EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF CONSERVATIVE STUDENTS, WILL FOLLOW THIS WITH PRIVATE VISIT TO NEW YORK, SO PER DIEM SHOULD END NOVEMBER 18.

8. VISITOR WILL BE CARRYING FULL PRESS ACCREDITATION AS CORRESPONDENT FOR SVENSKA DAGBLADET.

9. NAME CHECK SATISFACTORY.

10. EMBASSY CONSIDER THIS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST A YOUNG RISING POLITICAL LEADER. WHEN HE OUTGROWS STUDENT JOB, WILL DOUBTLESS BE ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT. INFLUENCE IN MEDIA ALSO EXPECTED TO INCREASE MARKEDLY. NOW REPRESENTS THE MOST IMPORTANT STUDENT ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY. EMBASSY REQUESTS IMMEDIATE APPROVAL SO HE  
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